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SUMMARY: PCP-LINING NEWSPAPER REPORTED EXISTENCE OF 10 POINT PLAN FOR REVERSING COURSE OF PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION. AUTHENTIC OR NOT, PLAN IS ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF WHAT GOP HAS BEEN DOING AND SHOULD DO TO RESTORE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY. END SUMMARY

1. "COLONEL'S PLAN": OCTOBER 1 PCP-LINING "O SEculo" REPORTED IT HAS OBTAINED FROM UNIDENTIFIED MILITARY SOURCES DETAILS OF A "COLONEL'S PLAN" TO REVERSE COURSE OF PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION AND RESTORE FASCIST GOVERNMENT TO PORTUGAL.

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A. PLAN CALLS FOR:

- (1) CONTROL OF INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (SDCI) THAT TOOK OVER FROM J-2 OF ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF.
- (2) CONTROL OF ARMED FORCES STAFF J-5 (AGITPROP).
- (3) CREATION OF MILITARY INTERVENTION GROUP (AMI).
- (4) CREATION OF "POLICE SHOCK FORCE" COMPOSED OF 5000 TROOPS OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE (PSP) FROM THE COLONIES.
- (5) ALTERATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD MPLA.
- (6) MILITARY OCCUPATION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS.
- (7) ELIMINATION OF "PROGRESSIVE" MILITARY UNITS SUCH AS LISBON LIGHT ARTILLERY (RALIS) AND THE MILITARY POLICE AND PURGING OF LEFTIST MILITARY.
- (3) CONTROL OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, PURGING OF COPCON COMMANDER OTELO CARVALHO AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF FABIAO, AND ISOLATION AND NEUTRALIZATION OF NAVY.
- (9) PLACEMENT OF ANTUNES GROUP MEMBERS, OR PERSONS THEY TRUST, IN KEY POSITIONS.
- (10) DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN AND RESOLUTION OF "REPUBLICA" AND "RADIO RENASCENCA" CASES.

B. "O SEculo," NOTING THAT A NUMBER OF PLAN'S MAJOR POINTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EFFECTED, IMPLIED THAT THIS WAS MORE THAN JUST A COINCIDENCE. THE NEWS STORY ALSO REFERS TO AN AMERICAN ULTIMATUM REGARDING THE MODIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY IN REGARD TO THE MPLA.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT IS UNLIKELY THAT SUCH A COLONEL'S PLAN EXISTS IN THE FORM OF THE WELL ORGANIZED DOCUMENT PORTRAYED IN "O SEculo," THE STORY HAS THE RING OF TRUTH IN DESCRIBING WHAT AZEVEDO AND THE ANTI-COMMUNIST MILITARY MAY BE ATTEMPTING. THE PLAN IS A REALISTIC DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN AND MEASURES NEEDED TO RESTORE CONTROL TO THE GOVERNMENT. ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN, SUCH AS THE SECTION ON THE SDCI AND THE USG ULTIMATUM ON THE MPLA, SUGGEST THAT THE SOURCE WAS A HOSTILE INSIDER WHO (A) KNOWS IMPORTANCE OF THE SDCI (NOT A WELL PUBLICIZED ORGANIZATION), AND (B) IS AWARE OF US DEMARCHES CONCERNING GOP SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA. BY CREATING SPECTRE OF CLANDESTINE, COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION MANIPULATING RECENT POLITICAL EVENTS, PUBLICATION OF PLAN OBVIOUSLY SERVES INTERESTS OF PCP AND FAR LEFT.

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